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Presented for filing is a new continuation patent application of:

Applicant: GEORGE A. PROVOST, WILLIAM H. SHEPARD AND WILLIAM P. CLUNE

Title: FORMING DISCRETE FASTENER ELEMENT REGIONS

The prior application is assigned of record to Velcro Industries B.V., a Netherlands corporation, by virtue of an assignment submitted to the Patent and Trademark Office and recorded on July 23, 2001 at Reel 012008, Frame 0366.

Enclosed are the following papers, including those required to receive a filing date under 37 CFR §1.53(b):

| | <u>Pages</u> |
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| Claims | 5 |
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| Declaration | [To be Filed at a Later Date] |
| Drawing(s) | 5 |

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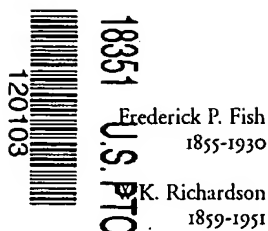
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This application is a continuation (and claims the benefit of priority under 35 USC 120) of U.S. application serial no. PCT/US02/16898, filed May 29, 2002, which claims priority from U.S. provisional patent application 60/294,401, filed May 29, 2001. The disclosure of the prior application is considered part of (and is incorporated by reference in) the disclosure of this application.

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